

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DEC EMBER 18, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Pelura, Bomba, Dowe, Newton and Brown were present. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, J. Santogrossi-Public Works Superintendent, G. Krivda Police Chief and A. Telsey- Solicitor.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. Roll call was taken.

Mr. Bomba started the **Departmental Reports** with Mr. Brayerton of the Industrial Commission receiving information on the Opportunity Zone from Charles Barker of Senator Cory Bookers Office. He is going to make copies for the other members and possibly call Mr. Barker to attend a meeting for training purposes. Mr. Bomba said he received a letter from the State on meeting the criteria for our Emergency Operating Plan. Next Mr. Bomba mentioned the Ambulance Company, American Legion Ambulance has sent out letter for donations. They are a privately funded company so letters were sent out for donations to all the places they service such as Elmer, Woodstown, Upper Pittsgrove, Pittsgrove, Pilesgrove. Salem and Carneys Point Township are not receiving letters. Mr. Bomba said they made 1842 calls in Carneys Point since January. He said 1500 were 911 calls with the rest mutual aid calls. Lastly, he mentioned the work on Route 130, Round about. He said the end of the year there will be traffic changes on Hollywood Ave.

Mr. Newton said he wanted to thank the Police Chief, Police Officers and Recreation Commission for doing a great job with Christmas in the Park. Chief Krivda thanked Officer Racite and the Chaplin's for filling the ambulance with toys for the A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital.

Mayor Brown spoke of attending the JIF Executive Committee meeting which was held on December 16th. He mentioned sending several safety bulletins out since the last meeting. Mayor Brown spoke of the Cyber Security Tier one and two resolutions that was done at the last meeting. He asked if they had been forwarded to the JIF. Mrs. Stout said yes, they were. Mayor Brown also spoke on the Round About on Rt 130 and Hollywood Ave. He said this is the time to find another route around this area. He said it is going to be a while until this project is complete. Mayor Brown spoke on Public Works leaf collection. He said they are on the second round of collecting leaves. He said to put the amount in layman terms they have collected 488 cubic yards or 19 ½ trash trucks full of leaves. He said in Buildings and Grounds, our people are correcting problems left by the Fire Inspector.

Mr. Dowe mentioned the Recreation Commission event Lunch with Santa at the Fire House and Christmas in the Park (Dunns). He said there were more volunteers then kids having lunch with Santa. The Dunns Park event went well and was very enjoyable. There is a new tree that will grow to over 20 feet. Mr. Dowe said Public Works did an excellent job with the lights. In the Courts the Deputy Administrator is doing a great job moving forward to her certification. They are in the process of bring files here from the Pennsville Court for the merger.

Mr. Pelura spoke about the free Rabies Clinic coming up on January 25th at the Fire House. Dogs are 9 to 10:30 and Cats are 10:30 to 11:00.

Motion was made by Mr. Newton to approve the reports, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **all properly audited vouchers in the amount of \$126,462.26**. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Bomba to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from November 2019**. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Newton to approve the Administrative Compensatory time, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor. Mr. Bomba motioned and Mr. Newton seconded for the approval of the regular Committee meeting **minutes from December 4, 2019** and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2019-216

CANCEL TAXES BILLED FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

Motion was made by Mr. Newton to authorize the cancelation of \$1,836.14 to Block 160.03, Lot 22 due to 100% Disabled Veteran, seconded by Mr. Pelura. and a unanimous roll vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-217

REFUND TAXES PAID BY TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

Mr. Bomba motioned to authorize the refund of taxes paid for Block 160.03, Lot 22 in the amount of \$2,415.57 due to 100% Totally Disabled Veteran, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-218

CANCEL TAXES BILLED FOR DISABLED VETERAN

Mr. Dowe motioned to authorize the cancelation of \$1,016.42 to Block 99, Lot 2 due to 100% Disabled Veteran, seconded by Mr. Bomba. and a unanimous roll vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-219

REFUND TAXES PAID BY TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

Mr. Bomba motioned to authorize the refund of taxes paid for Block 99, Lot 2 in the amount of \$1,016.42 due to 100% Totally Disabled Veteran, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-220

CANCEL 2019 TAXES DUE TO IN REM FORECLOSURES

Motioned by Mr. Pelura to authorize the cancelling of 15 properties due to a finalized 2018 Municipal In Rem Foreclosure, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-221

REFUND DUPLICATE PAYMENTS

Motioned on by Mr. Bomba to authorize the refund to CoreLogic for three properties due to duplicate payments. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-222

REFUND TAXES PAID FOR A DISABLED VETERAN

Motioned by Mr. Newton to authorize the refund to Corelogic for two property due to 100% Total Disabled Veteran Deduction. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-223

REFUND TAX PAYMENT TO WELLS FARGO

Motioned on by Mr. Dowe to authorize a refund to Wells Fargo for two properties due to duplicate 2019 4rh Quarter taxes paid. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-224

REFUND SALEM BOTANICALS ESCROW ACCOUNTS

Mr. Dowe made a motion to approve the refund of \$888.46 in Escrow to the Planning Board. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-225

CANCEL CAPITAL RECEIVABLE BALANCE

Motioned by Mr. Pelura to cancel the Capital Receivable Balance and the Appropriation Reserve Balance in the amount of \$52,778.55, remaining from the NJ DOT Gary Ave. project. Refund the State Dept. of Transportation. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-226

CANCEL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES OF COMPLETED PROJECTS

Mr. Pelura made a motion to cancel Capital Appropriation Balances of Completed projects, under Ord 916 and 872. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-227

TRANSFER OVERPAID TAXES FROM 2019-TO-2020

Motioned by Mr. Bomba to authorize the transfer of overpaid taxes from 2019 to the year 2020. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-228

TRANSFER RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,500

Mr. Newton to authorize the purchase of two police vehicles in the amount of \$85,782.00 under State Contract. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-229

AUTHORIZE MERCHANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mr. Dowe motioned to approve an agreement with Fulton Financial for Merchant Services (credit card ability) for the Municipal Court. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Brown mentioned a request from Cornerstone to release the Performance Bond. After much discussion Mr. Pelura motioned to deny the request, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown mentioned a letter from David Raymond with Cornerstone Estate Association, thanking the Committee on helping with the snow removal issue.

Mayor Brown said a memo was sent from the State Department Transportation that the round-about at Route 130 and Hollywood Ave will be starting soon.

With no **Old Business** Mayor Brown moved on to **New Business**. Mrs. Stout mentioned the 2020 Fund Year Optional Excess Liability Limits. This allows for the Township to increase the insurance limits for both General Liability and Public Officials and Employees. After discussion the Committee decided to keep the amounts we currently have. Mr. Pelura made a motion to leave the amounts the same for both, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Next, the Mayor asked for the Committee to approve the 2020 Holiday list for non-contractual employees. This is due to their first day off is after the beginning of the year. Mr. Dowe made the motion to approve the list of dates, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

Mr. Dowe mentioned the Highschool football team as going 25 and 0. They did lose in the Championships. He said he would like to present the Coach and Players with a resolution for their efforts. He said he will check with the Coach on when would be a good time and to get some information.

With no more to discuss Mayor Brown moved on to the **Public Participation** portion of the meeting. Martin Cleary of Broadway mentioned how you cannot change the flow of water. He said we should find a new Engineer. He allowed the developer of Cornerstone to raise the land by four feet. Now there is flooding on the neighbor's property. Mayor Brown said the engineers said the houses were built to specifications. Mr. Cleary said they were not supposed to put in basements but they did. Next, he asked why are the taxes not going down with the approval of the new warehouses. He said we need to work on true shared services to save money. Mayor Brown said taxes have gone up due to wages, taxes, insurance which goes up every year. Mayor Brown said we do have shared services. Mr. Cleary said he will bring in information he has on shared services. With no public questions or comments this portion was closed.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Pelura to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Bomba. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Approved: 1/15/2020


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk